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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SLOTS AT NARITA AND HANEDA AIRPORT

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SUMMARY: TOTAL DAILY SLOTS AT NARITA/HANEDA ROSE TO
480 FROM 460 AS OF JUNE 8. JAL IS CURRENTLY USING 322
SLOTS WEEKLY FOR ITS SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS
AND WILL RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE NINE ADDITIONAL
WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO U.S. FROM JULY 1. TOTAL SLOTS
AVAILABLE MAY RISE ANOTHER 40 BY AUGUST 1. ALLOTMENT
OF SLOTS TO OTHER THAN U.S. CARRIERS SQUARES WITH TOUGHER
GOJ POSITION SET FORTH IN JUNE 2 MOFA NOTE VERBALE.
END SUMMARY.

1. JCAB HAS CONFIRMED THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF SLOTS
AVAILABLE AT NARITA/HANEDA INCREASED FROM 460 TO 480
DAILY AS OF JUNE 8, 1978. ACCORDING TO JCAB, 20 DAILY
SLOTS ARE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

.. 12 TO JAL FOR TWICE DAILY NARITA TO OSA KA,
.. FUKUOKA AND SAPPORO SERVICE.

.. 2 DAILY AT HANEDA TO KINKYORI AIRLINE FOR
.. MIYOKE, IZU ISLAND SERVICE.

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.. 6 DAILY TO REPLENISH POOL OF NON-SCHEDULED
.. SLOTS (FORMERLY 20) WHICH HAD BEEN DRAWN DOWN
.. BY THE END OF APRIL TO FURNISH SLOTS FOR
.. THE FOLLOWING FLIGHTS:

.. 2 SLOTS FOR WEEKLY IRAQI AIR B-707 SERVICE
.. FROM TOKYO TO BAGHDAD VIA BANGKOK (BEGAN

.. LATE APRIL).

.. 6 SLOTS WEEKLY TO BRITISH AIRWAYS AND TO AIR
.. FRANCE SO THAT EACH COULD EXTEND ITS THRICE
.. WEEKLY B-747 SERVICE BEYOND TOKYO TO OSAKA
.. FOLLOWING OPENING TO INTERNATIONAL
.. WIDE-BODIES.

.. 2 SLOTS WEEKLY TO CAAC FOR ADDITIONAL WEEKLY
.. FLIGHT TOKYO-PEKING.

JCAB ALSO TOLD US, IN REPLY TO A DIRECT QUESTION, THAT
JAL IS NOW UTILIZING 322 SLOTS WEEKLY FOR ITS INTER-
NATIONAL OPERATIONS, THE INCREASE HAVING COME
MAINLY IN EXPANDED OPERATIONS TO EAST ASIA AND
EXTENSION OF INTL FLIGHTS TO OSAKA.

2. FROM JUNE 20 JAL WILL OPERATE NEW BIWEEKLY DC-8
TOKYO-ANCHORAGE-NEW YORK-SAN JUAN-RIO-SAO PAULO
SERVICE USING SLOTS FROM SO-CALLED "NON-SCHEDULED"
POOL. JCAB ALSO CONFIRMED THAT JAL WILL RECEIVE
AUTHORIZATION AND SLOTS TO OPERATE 9 ADDITIONAL
WEEKLY B-747 FLIGHTS FROM TOKYO TO THE U.S. BEGINNING
JULY 1 AS LISTED IN JAL'S APRIL-JUNE TIMETABLE - TWO
ADDITIONAL TOKYO-SAN FRANCISCO NON-STOP, THREE
ADDITIONAL TOKYO-LOS ANGELES NON-STOP AND FOUR
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ADDITIONAL TOKYO-HONOLULU FLIGHTS. JCAB DID NOT
SPECIFY WHERE SLOTS FOR THESE FLIGHTS WOULD COME FROM;
WE PRESUME FROM SAME SO-CALLED NONSCHEDULED POOL.

3. JCAB SAID IT HOPES TO INCREASE NARITA/HANEDA DAILY
SLOTS BY ANOTHER 40 FROM AUGUST 1 (20 EACH AIRPORT)
BUT THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE AGREEMENT OF THE AIR
TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS UNION. DISCUSSIONS ARE TO START
LATER THIS MONTH.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL JAL
COMPETITION IN PRINCIPLE, FACT THAT JCAB WILL ALLOT
ADDITIONAL SLOTS TO JAL WHILE DENYING THEM TO U.S.
CARRIERS (NW JUNE 8 SCHEDULE) IS UNFAIR. JCAB ACTION,
HOWEVER, SQUARES WITH GOJ POSITION EXPRESSED IN
JUNE 2 NOTE VERBALE (TOKYO 10087) THAT IT IS TIME TO
"LEVEL UP" SLOT POSITIONS OF JAL AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL
CARRIERS WHICH, IN GOJ'S VIEW, HAVE BEEN TREATED LESS
FAVORABLY THAN U.S. IN THE PAST.

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